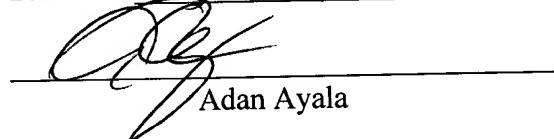


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re application of: **Roger Q. SMITH**Serial No.: **09/153,621**Examiner: **T. Dinh**Filed: **September 15, 1998**Group Art Unit: **2841**For: **HEAVY-DUTY AUDIO EQUIPMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is further in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2001.

Currently in the application are Claims 1-6 and 15-20.

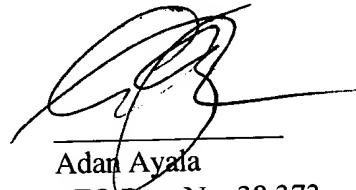
In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted Claims 1-6 (Group I) and Claims 15-20 (Group II), as being drawn to independent inventions. During a telephone conversation, Applicant's attorney provisionally elected Group I for continued prosecution. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant hereby confirms such election.

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In view of the foregoing, all the claims are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of Claims 13 and 15-29 are respectfully requested.

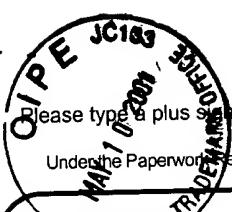
No fee is due for the present amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

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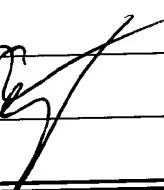
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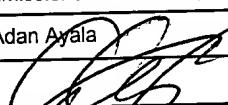
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